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up and apply labels to the rest of the state senators here is irritating, and I personally object and take issue with Senator Witek's comments. But regardless of that, I do not support Senator Wickersham's amendment. I believe the idea of moving the agency over to the Department of Education makes sense and I do think that we have found a source of money to accomplish our goals. The other thing that I think is important is that when people voted on the lottery, Senator Witek raised the issue, it was very specific that it was not ongoing money, it was for one-time expenditures. It...it stated very clearly the guidelines for how the money would be spent for educational funds. I don't think there was any attempt to go around that, to do an end run. I think it was explained very carefully that the importance that it would be for one-time expenditures. And so to say that we have not met our obligations or promise to the voters I think also is in error. So in summary I would say I do not support Senator Wickersham's amendment and stand in support of Senator Robinson's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LBs 589, LB 527, LB 488, LB 451, LB 396, LB 346, LB 285, LB 251, LB 837, LB 718, LB 542, LB 447, LB 68A and LB 68. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: On the Withem amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Excuse me, you want to speak to the.... Okay. Senator Robinson, to speak to the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I want you all to turn around and look at me, I am an arrogant liberal, I want everyone to know that. You know me well, I am an arrogant liberal. I hope that carried on up to the front row so.... You know, it's interesting Senator Will says if you're an arrogant liberal, what do you think I am. And I said, Eric, I'll leave that to you. But you know we got to have a little fun once in a while. I stand opposed to Senator Wickersham's amendment as far as the lid exception. This is part of four things we're going to give schools to help get connected to the information highway. Look at those young children up there, do we want them to be part of the information highway, Senator Wickersham? You bet we do. And I look in front of me, I have the map of the educational service units, I have those that are hooked up, and I'll tell you there aren't many schools that are